

Nottingham Forest wins European cup

NOTTINGHAM, May 28 (Agencies)—Nottingham Forest of England won the European soccer cup of champions for the second time by edging Hamburg VS of West Germany 1-0 today. The winning goal was put in by left wing John Robertson in the 20th minute. A crowd of 75,000 spectators, including 7,000 supporters of each team, watched the match in the flood-lit Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. The match was also shown live on television to millions in Europe, as well as five countries in the western hemisphere. It was also shown live on Jordan television. Nottingham Forest also won last year's European cup by defeating Ajax of Holland 1-0 in Munich May 31. The winning goal was scored by Trevor Francis, who was unable to play in Madrid because of injury.

Jordan Times

An independent Arab political daily published by the Jordan Press Foundation

جوردان تيمز يومية سياسية تصدر بالانجليزية عن المؤسسة الصحفية الأردنية "الراي"

Britain raises its crude oil price

LONDON, May 28 (R) — Britain is following the lead of OPEC producers and adding two dollars a barrel to the price of its oil, according to a spokesman of the state's British National Oil Corporation (BNOC) tonight. Members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) led by Saudi Arabia last week announced price rises, mostly of two dollars a barrel. Industry sources said that each time OPEC prices rise the British government finds itself caught between allied western consumer nations, bitter about rising oil bills, and oil companies operating in the North Sea who seek market rates for their oil. British Petroleum (BP), operators of the big North Sea Forties field, said tonight the company had made no decision yet on its new price. But industry sources said BP, which has been charging \$34.25 a barrel compared with BNOC's \$33.70, was almost certain to follow the state organisation's pricing lead.

Price: Jordan 50 fils; Syria 50 piastres; Lebanon 75 piastres; Saudi Arabia 1 riyal; UAE 1 dirham; Great Britain 25 pence.

Says Washington Post statement misread

Fahd stresses Saudi position is within Arab World 'consensus'

JERUSALEM, May 28 (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia will not take any steps to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict without the consensus of the Arab World, Crown Prince Fahd told the Moroccan

News Agency (MAP) in Fez that statements he made to the U.S. newspaper Washington Post had been mistakenly taken to mean Saudi Arabia was ready to take a unilateral initiative on the Middle East.

"The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia cannot take any initiative, well-come any idea or accept any decision or negotiate with any party, either directly or indirectly, except in the framework of Arab consensus," Prince Fahd told MAP in the interview.

Israel Radio reported today that Prime Minister Menachem Begin had invited Prince Fahd to visit occupied Jerusalem and address the Israeli Knesset in an apparent response to the prince's interview with the Post.

The Washington Post had quoted Crown Prince Fahd as saying that if Israel withdrew from all occupied Arab territories "Saudi Arabia would do its utmost to bring the Arabs to cooperate and work for a full settlement."

Israeli Radio said that while Mr. Begin could not accept the Saudi demand, he was inviting the prince to occupied Jerusalem in the knowledge that there could be individual persuasion.

The Israeli offer recalls the 1977 visit to occupied Jerusalem by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. It was that visit which started the process leading to the Israeli-Egyptian separate peace treaty.

When the Fahd interview was published this week, Israeli officials reacted sceptically to the prince's offer of peace talks. This reaction drew criticism in the Israeli press.

A foreign ministry official said yesterday: "We have our reasons to be cautious."

The official noted that Prince Fahd said that an agreement could be reached between Israel and the Arabs. "Before he always said, 'no discussions with the Zionists',"

the Israeli said, adding, "everything is being taken very seriously."

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir also said today that Mr. Begin had invited Crown Prince Fahd. "We will be very happy to negotiate with any Arab country on peace on the basis of (United Nations Resolution) 242 and this goes for Saudi Arabia as well," he said.

The resolution called for Israeli withdrawal from territories occupied in 1967, and respect for the territorial integrity and political independence of every state in the area with secure and recognised boundaries.

Israeli foreign ministry analyst David Apek told a news conference there was no basic change in Saudi policy towards Israel. "Fahd will not accept an invitation to Jerusalem. It would be contrary to the Islamic fanaticism prevailing in Saudi Arabia and Saudi mentality to come to a Jerusalem under Israeli control," Mr. Apek said.

He claimed that the crown prince's interview was "an intellectual effort to improve Saudi Arabia's image while at the same time trying to maintain solidarity in the Arab World which was of prime importance to Saudi strategy."

In last night's interview in Morocco, where he arrived on Sunday, Prince Fahd said Saudi Arabia's stand on the Arab-Israeli conflict was clear, unwavering and

well known. "It is based on a position of Arab consensus, namely that the issue of Palestine is the heart of the Middle East problem and that there can be no just and comprehensive settlement without Israeli withdrawal from all Arab territories occupied in 1967 including holy Jerusalem," Prince Fahd said.

He added that any solution to the Palestinian issue had to be based on recognition of the Palestinian people's rights, "including the right to establish an independent state in its land."

The crown prince said that in wanting to use peaceful means if possible to achieve these aims Saudi Arabia was basing its position on a "collective Arab" stand.

"The peaceful means the kingdom supports must achieve what is right and just and must produce a comprehensive solution based on a position expressing the collective Arab will," he added.

In Beirut, Saudi Arabia's information minister confirmed in an interview published today that his government would try to get Arab countries to negotiate peace with Israel if it announced the intention of evacuating Arab territories occupied in 1967.

The minister, Muhammad Abdo Yamani, said Prince Fahd's statement last week was a reiteration of long-standing Saudi policy. "We would have liked our words to be understood a long time ago, but we are only finding attentive ears now," Dr. Yamani told the Lebanese newspaper An Nahar.

He said: "We favour peace and any settlement that satisfies the belligerent countries (adjacent to Israel) and the Palestinians." Saudi Arabia also wants "normalisation of the situation in Jerusalem," he was quoted as saying.

Saudi Arabia continues to oppose the Camp David negotiations between Israel and Egypt because they do not assure the Palestinians of the right "to found an independent state," Dr. Yamani said.

In an interview in the Washington Post today, Israeli Prime Minister Begin commented that the Saudi conditions for negotiating were "totally unacceptable" for Israel but that "perhaps" the prince could "convince me."

King Hussein calls on Thatcher for ME talks

LONDON, May 28 (Agencies) His Majesty King Hussein called on Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher here today for a general discussion of Middle East developments, British officials said.

King Hussein and Her Majesty Queen Noor arrived here earlier in the day on a private visit, which the Jordan News Agency (JNA) reported from Amman would last several days.

The King is accompanied by the chief chamberlain, Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, and the commander-in-chief of the Jordanian armed force, Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker.

Before the King's departure from Amman, Crown Prince Hassan was sworn in as Regent. At Amman airport, the royal couple were seen off by leading Jordanian officials and the British ambassador to Jordan.

Iranian parliament told not to sell out to U.S.

TEHRAN, May 28 (R) — Iran's first post-revolution parliament opened today in solemn Islamic ceremonial and was immediately told not to sell out to the United States over the 53 American hostages held in the country.

The warning came in a message to the new deputies from the students holding the captives, broadcast on state radio, urging them to scorn American threats. "The leader of the revolution (Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini) has said that the hostages will not be freed unless the Shah and his property are returned. Any decision other than this should be justified for the Iranian people with reasoning," the militants said.

But they said they would bow to a decision by the deputies, entrusted by Ayatollah Khomeini with setting terms for the hostages' release.

The 270-member Majlis (parliament), 36 of whose members have still to be elected owing to regional unrest and electoral disputes, is unlikely to debate the hostages issue for several weeks. It must first choose a speaker, draw up procedural rules and approve a new government.

There was no mention of the hostages during the largely ceremonial three-hour inaugural session of parliament.

Ayatollah Khomeini sent a message to the deputies, read to the assembly by his son Sayyed Ahmad Khomeini, urging them to cooperate with each other and refrain from damaging disputes.

"Parliament, the president and the government should not create obstacles for each other. They should place themselves at the service of Islam and refrain from discord and disputes," the 80-year-old revolutionary leader said.

U.S. lawyer files \$20b suit against 'Princess' producers

LONDON, May 28 (AP)—An American lawyer, who has filed a \$20 billion lawsuit against British and U.S. television networks for screening "Death of a Princess" accused the TV companies today of being part of a Zionist "conspiracy to defame Islam."

But in a new twist to the damages suit brought on behalf of muslim groups in the Middle East, the United States and Canada, San Francisco attorney Khaled Al Mansour offered to drop the suit if the networks apologise publicly and acknowledge the "Zionist conspiracy" behind the showings.

Mr. Mansour has filed suit in San Francisco against the British commercial network ATV, headed by Lord Lew Grade, a British Jew, the U.S. Public Broadcasting System, whose President Lawrence T. Grossman is also Jewish, and two U.S. stations, WGBH of Boston, and KQED of San Francisco.

"We contend that ATV, WGBH and PBS knew of the conspiracy of Zionists to undermine and embarrass Islam and Saudi Arabia, and committed acts in furtherance of that conspiracy," Mr. Mansour told a news conference here.

The 112-minute TV film which provoked outrage in Saudi Arabia, depicts the execution of an adulterous Saudi Princess and her lover in 1977.

Many European countries avoided the film when Saudi Arabia reacted to the ATV screening in April by expelling the British ambassador and threatening to reduce trade.

Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington has publicly apologised twice to the Saudis, saying the film is "deeply offensive."

WELCOME BACK

The well-known Jordanian merchant

Haji Kamel Ibrahim Al Shammass has returned home after a two-month stay abroad for medical treatment. We wish Haji Kamel, owner of Al Wafa Supermarket, complete recovery.

And Ahlan wa Sahlan.

Squabbles block Begin's efforts to replace Weizman

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 28 (R) — Political squabbles today blocked Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's efforts to fill the post vacated by Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, and it appeared that a decision may be delayed until next week.

Mr. Begin had wanted a swift cabinet reshuffle following his row with Mr. Weizman over the defence minister's resignation last Sunday. But two coalition groups, the National Religious Party (NRP) and the Democratic Party, objected to Mr. Begin's proposal to give Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir the defence job and replace him at the foreign ministry with Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i.

Without support from these groups, Mr. Begin's coalition would be in danger of defeat in the Knesset. So he postponed the decision and began consultations with the NRP and with leaders of the Liberal Party, another key coalition partner. Mr. Weizman stepped down after repeated clashes with his cabinet colleagues over their refusal to consider more than minor powers of autonomy for Palestinians and over plans for Jewish settlement on occupied Arab Land.

The Liberal Party strongly backed the proposed new Begin line-up because this meant promotion for Mr. Moda'i, now the party's number two man. But the Liberals told Mr. Begin they would not oppose a delay in implementing the decision, party officials said.

NRP sources said their leader, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, urged Mr. Begin to think again about the appointment of Mr. Moda'i because of his limited experience in foreign affairs.

The Democrats also objected to Mr. Moda'i, both because they considered him too hawkish and because they wanted the job to go to their own man, Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir.

Mr. Begin did not meet the Democrats during the day. Another focus of discontent was Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, the ultra-hardliner who wanted the defence minister's job for himself. Other coalition members objected so strongly to this that Mr. Begin was obliged to fall back on his Shamir-Moda'i proposal.

After a meeting between Mr. Begin and Mr. Sharon last night reports circulated that the agriculture minister had threatened to resign. But government aides insisted today that resignation had not been mentioned and that Mr. Sharon had agreed to remain in the cabinet for the time being at least.

New Zealand, Indonesia rap Israel's policy on Jerusalem

JAKARTA, May 28 (R) — New Zealand's prime minister, Mr. Robert Muldoon, said today the Israeli move to declare occupied Jerusalem as its unified capital was provocative and unnecessary.

Mr. Muldoon was talking to reporters after a two hour meeting with Indonesian President Suharto. He leaves Indonesia on Friday at the end of a five-day visit.

Mr. Muldoon said the Indonesia leader was also opposed to Israel's Jerusalem policy. "It is provocative. It is not just unnecessary but damaging," he said.

The Israeli Knesset gave a first reading earlier this month to a bill stating that occupied Jerusalem was the country's capital.

Mr. Muldoon said his talks with Gen. Suharto had covered a wide range of subjects including Indochina, the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and the situation in Iran. He said both countries reached agreement on several world and regional issues.

Moscow, Aden set up future cooperation team

MOSCOW, May 28 (R) — The Soviet Union and South Yemen agreed to set up a commission to decide on future economic and technological cooperation including the construction of a nuclear power station in the Red Sea state.

Official Soviet news agency said agreements were drawn up at the end of two days of talks between the Soviet and South Yemeni delegations headed by President Ali Abdullah Saleh, and Soviet Foreign Minister Yury Gerasimov.

Mr. Gerasimov said that in Kremlin talks Mr. Nasser Mohammad and President Leonid Brezhnev agreed political and economic cooperation and "key international issues." It said there was "identity of views" between the two sides.

The Yemeni which signed a friendship treaty with the Soviet Union last year is one of the few Muslim countries to have signed a treaty with Moscow over its military

Mengistu ends visit to Sudan

ADDIS ABABA, May 28 (R) — Eritrean leader Mengistu Hailemariam returned today from talks with Sudanese President Numeiri in Khartoum which he had described as "fruitful and an all-round success."

He told reporters at Addis Ababa airport that his five-day visit had been "very productive" and that Sudanese President Numeiri had opened a "new era of co-operation between the two Horn of Africa neighbours."

Observers in Khartoum said the five rounds of closed-door talks between the two leaders ended the 19-year-old second war in the Red Sea province of Eritrea, the main point of contention between Sudan and Ethiopia, as well as border and

disputed questions. Mengistu's visit coincided with the Sudanese and Ethiopian delegations today held a concluding session of talks and signed a communique, expected to be released here and in Khartoum

today. President Numeiri had issued an invitation to visit Ethiopia. The date of the official visit will be announced later.

The Sudanese and Ethiopian delegations today held a concluding session of talks and signed a communique, expected to be released here and in Khartoum today.

This year saw a rapprochement between Ethiopia and Sudan with an agreement to regulate border problems, being reached and trade and cultural visits resumed. The commission will ease the voluntary repatriation of refugees from each country.

Mr. Mengistu's visit coincided with the Sudanese and Ethiopian delegations today held a concluding session of talks and signed a communique, expected to be released here and in Khartoum today.

Turks protest killing of influential party leader

ANKARA, May 28 (R) — Political tension rose in a number of Turkish towns today as demonstrators protested against the killing of the deputy chairman of Turkey's influential far-right Nationalist Movement Party (NMP).

Turkish radio said a curfew had been imposed in the central Anatolian town of Sivas following a widespread class boycott by high-school students and demonstrations against last night's shooting of the former minister, Mr. Gun Sazak.

The demonstration by students and NMP sympathisers was dispersed without incident by security forces but the provincial governor ordered classes closed until next week and imposed an indefinite curfew.

Schools were also closed for the day in Kutahya, about 160 kilometres to the north, where a demonstration was held in the main town square, and there were unconfirmed reports of demonstrations and growing tension in the central Anatolian towns of Kirsehir, Nigde and Konya.

Mr. Sazak was shot by at least two gunmen in front of his home in the Kavakludere district of Ankara as he was unloading his car at the end of a family picnic. He is the highest-ranking politician to be killed, so far in the epidemic of political violence in Turkey which now claims an average of 10 lives daily.

BULGARIEN FESTIVAL

at HOLIDAY INN - AMMAN
SPONSORED BY
HOLIDAY INN & SUNRISE TRAVEL
at AMMAN BALL ROOM
Starting 26.31 of may 8.30 pm



enjoy the BULGARIEN folklore
while having BULGARIEN food
in a BULGARIEN atmosphere

for Res. call 65167

Jordan Times

Deported W. Bank leaders
testify before U.N. panel

GENEVA, May 28 (R) -- The deported mayors of Hebron and Halhoul in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and the qadi of Hebron, also deported by Israeli authorities three weeks ago, yesterday began testifying before a special United Nations committee here on human rights in the occupied territories.

Halhoul Mayor Mohammad Milhem, who will give evidence at an open session of the committee later this week, told a news conference none of the three officials had been officially charged before expulsion to Lebanon last May 3. The deportations followed the killing of six Israelis in an Arab guerrilla attack in Hebron.

Mr. Milhem, who estimated about 1,600 officials and community leaders had been expelled by Israeli authorities, noted he and Hebron Mayor Fahd Qawasmli had both been elected. "We use no arms in our struggle against the most brutal occupation, except that we say the occupation must go," he said. "All our people are nationalists. To love your people and to love your nation is not a crime."

Mr. Qawasmli, who spoke in an

open session of the committee on the expulsion of the three officials, return to the Middle East next July to attempt to cross back over the King Hussein Bridge to the West Bank.

The Israeli High Court last week gave the Israeli government 45 days to show the expelled men

told newsmen they planned to should not be allowed back.

Mr. Qawasmli added that private telephone communications with Hebron had been cut since May 2 and he had not been able to reach his family. Mr. Milhem said he also had been unable to contact his family directly.

Islamic U.N. delegates
discuss possible urgent
Security Council meeting

By Tara Bradford
Special to the Jordan Times

UNITED NATIONS, May 28 -- Permanent representatives of some 40 Islamic states met today to discuss convening an urgent meeting of the U.N. Security Council. Jordan's permanent representative, Dr. Hazem Nuseibeh, told the Jordan Times the group met in response to a resolution adopted by the 11th Islamic conference of foreign ministers meeting May 17-21 in Islamabad, Pakistan.

The draft resolution emphasises reference to illegal Israeli measures to annex Arab Jerusalem. The Islamic group decided to continue consultations with Security Council members and the president of the Security Council with the aim of convening the special council session in the near future.

Yesterday a preliminary meeting of about 20 members of the Islamic group met to plan today's meeting, including Jordan's representative and the Moroccan chairman of the Jerusalem Committee.

National Guidance Council holds meeting

AMMAN, May 28 (JNA) -- Minister of Information Dr. Sa'id Tal said today that the newly formed National Guidance Council is not intended to control the country's news media.

Addressing the council's first session today, the minister, who is also the council's president, said the government believes in "the responsible freedom" of the information media. The media should adhere to and display respect for the basic principles of information policy in Jordan which is based on "reason and morality" National and pan-Arab interests should override every other consideration. The council's function is to coordinate the activities of the media in the service of these aims, he added.

The information media, he said, have an important role to play in shaping the personality of the citizen and ultimately directing his conduct, activity and work. "I look forward to seeing the National Guidance Council assume command of the infor-

mation institution, with its official and unofficial apparatus," Dr. Tal said.

He added that the council's role could be compared to that of the Education Council at the Ministry of Education which plans and supervises the ministry's functioning.

This council, the minister said, is invited to draw up an outline of the general information policy in Jordan, define the basic responsibilities of various private and public information departments and issue recommendations and decisions that would ensure their sound implementation.

To enable the council to carry out its duty, a special bureau has been created headed by the secretary general of the council which will be entrusted with preparing working papers for the council and following up the implementation of the council's resolutions.

At the opening session, Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Dr. Kamel Al Sharif was elected

vice president of the council. It was also decided that the council should hold a session on the first Sunday of every month.

The National Guidance Council was formed on Feb. 20 this year. Besides the ministers of information and awqaf, it includes Minister of Culture and Youth Taher Hikmat, Minister of Social Development In'am Mufri and Minister of Education Mohammad Nouri Shafiq, as well as Mr. Mahmoud Al Kayed, editor of the daily Al Ra'i, Mr. Deifallah Al Humud, editor of the weekly Al Sahafi, Dr. Adnan Badran, president of Yarmouk University, Mr. Peter Salah, under-secretary in the ministry of information, Mr. Adnan Abu Odeh, former minister of information, Dr. Abdul Salam Majali, former minister of education, Col. Ahmad Abdul Hadi, the director of moral guidance in the armed forces and Mr. Abdul Mahdi Al Shraideh, secretary of the council.



Minister of Information Sa'id Tal chairs the National Guidance Council meeting.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Academic Fair

Projects in the arts and sciences, nursery school through 10th grade, are being displayed at an academic fair at the American Community School's multi-purpose room, near the Royal Automobile Club at the Fifth Circle, Jabal Amman. The exhibition is open to the public during school hours.

Ballet Film

A feature film tribute to America's oldest and most distinguished ballet company, the American Ballet Theatre, will be shown in the American Centre's auditorium. The film starts 8 p.m. and is in colour.

Exhibitions

An exhibition of photography of Jordan is open during office hours at the French Centre.

The Goethe Institute, in cooperation with the Faculty of Science of the University of Jordan (Department of Physics), presents an exhibition entitled "The Utilisation of Solar Energy: A task for the Future". Open from 10 a.m. at the institute.

The Fine Arts Centre of the Department of Culture and Arts presents an exhibition of drawings, paintings, sculpture, ceramics and prints at the ministry's art gallery in Shmeisani. Visiting hours are 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 - 7 p.m.

The British Council presents an exhibition entitled "British Architecture of Arts and Leisure". Photographs and plans with seventeen contemporary examples will be on display.

FOR RENT

Deluxe second floor flat consisting of three bedrooms, three bathrooms, two salons, dining and sitting room. Centrally heated, with garage and lift. Location: Jabal Amman, Fourth Circle, opposite the Greek Embassy.

Tel: 42545 Mr. Nabih Almaari

Furnished or Unfurnished
Apartment
FOR RENT

Consists of three bedrooms, reception, living and dining rooms, two verandas, two bathrooms; with garden and telephone. Centrally heated.

Location: Opposite the University Hospital, near the Amman International Hotel.

Call: Tel. 65047

NOTEBOOK

What's your wasta?

By Rami G. Khouri

I HAVE WRITTEN before about the lack of credibility from which the Arabs suffer before the world, because we talk much more than we act. Part of this lack of credibility comes from not being honest with ourselves, and from making believe that our world works in one manner, while in fact it works in a totally different manner.

For example, it is a key part of local mythology that social services are evenly distributed to all citizens. That is obviously false. The truth is that social services, such as telephones and paved streets, are distributed on a priority basis to those people who have the highest connections within the prevailing power structure of the day. Seeing as how the local power structure is relatively consistent, the amount of services that any person or family or tribe enjoys almost permanently reflects the degree of influence that he, she or it can muster within the system.

I am not so rash as to suggest that this is a bad set-up, because whatever I would suggest as to the appropriateness or otherwise of such a *status quo* would have considerably less effect on the tranquility of the realm than if I were to stand on my head and eat a *shawarma* sandwich in the middle of Third Circle on a Saturday morning. It would be highly inappropriate for me to be so brazen as to suggest to the nation how it should structure its delivery of services, social or otherwise.

What I do wish to suggest however -- and this is hereby offered as a formal suggestion for the National Consultative Council to take up when the time is appropriate -- is that we stop making believe that our world works in one manner, and come to grips with the fact that it works in a totally different manner from what we say it does. That is, I would think it healthy and wise for us to institutionalise that most important factor in the apportionment of power, services and privilege. That factor, of course, is the influence and the connections that one has with others in key positions in the power structure of the land -- what is known in Arabic as one's *wasta*.

I suggest that *wasta* be included as a factor in all formal applications for government services, such as telephone applications, university admissions, job applications or licensing requests. For example, when applying for a telephone, one would have to list the people in high places that could be called on to support one's request for a telephone. Next to the places where one lists address, name and profession, there should be a blank space to list one's *wasatas*. These, in turn, would be quantified according to a ranking system that would have to be delicately and judiciously worked out in a special three-day National *Wasta* Symposium. Former ministers, for example, would be ranked at eight on a scale of one to ten. Prominent relatives would be ranked at six. Tribal sheikhs, high religious leaders and family patriarchs would be ranked at seven. Former prime ministers and armed forces generals would be ranked at nine.

Freelance plumbers, in a tribute to the they wield in the land, would be ranked And so on and so forth.

A strict formula would be worked effect that, for example, getting a telephone *wasta* that add up to at least a Getting admitted to the medical faculty university would require a *wasta* count ing one of the local swimming and te would need at least 32, and being allow your car in front of the arrivals hall airport would need no less than 40.

One's *wasta* count could be calculate and imprinted on one's passport or family card. This would eliminate all time now spent in surreptitiously department heads when one wants to formality at a government office. When for a telephone, for example, you show your *wasta* count to it communications Corporation, and they able to tell you immediately if you *wasas* to warrant a phone. If you d would be asked to come back next ye again, by which time you would have opportunity to make more important marry into an influential family, an increase your *wasta* count total and may for a phone, or whatever it is that you ar ing.

The negative side of such a system is don't have enough *wasas*, you stand chance of getting anything accomplish that's more or less how the system today. Why not save everybody a grea time, effort, worry and uncertainty and this into a system that is more honest and

The beauty of such a system is that instantly produce a powerful incentive pple to work harder and be more product hope of increasing their *wasta* power there would then be established a direct ween one's productivity and important eligibility for social services that guarantee via the *wasta* count system, would spend less time trying to involve influence within the present ambiguous network, and instead would spend m working and building the country.

The benefits of such a system would bous. For instance, one could raise the of contractors who finished a job on the wealthy people who paid their full taxes teachers in remote areas of the country rewarded with *wasta* point bonuses en. Industrialists who established import-al industries would receive a *wasta* count in would merchants who refrained from ex fiteering. The *wasta*, which is now a h instrument of desperation and so equilibrium, would be transformed over a constructive force of nation-building equity.

Local News Briefs

AMMAN, May 28 (JT) -- Providing telephone and telex services to the industrial estate in Sahab, south of Amman, was at the centre of discussion at a meeting here yesterday chaired by Minister of Industry and Trade Ali Nsour. A report by Al Ra'i newspaper said the Director General of the Telecommunications Corporation, Mr. Mohammad Shahed Isma'il, pledged at the meeting that his corporation will supply the estate with 200 telephone lines in 1981 and 200 more in 1982, in addition to 138 telex lines. At the meeting, also attended by the under-secretary of the ministry of municipal and rural affairs and the environment, the director of the Industrial Development Bank and a representative of the National Planning Council, subjects connected with the organisation of the industrial estate and legislation governing building there were also discussed.

AMMAN, May 28 (JT) -- The visiting five-member delega the British House of Commons called today on the Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Sharaf. Talks during the meeting deal situation in the Middle East and international issues. The d also today visited the Schneller refugee camp on the ou Amman, where its members were briefed on conditions in and the difficult situation the refugees face due to a red services by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (tine Refugees (UNRWA). The delegation talked to UNR cials and representatives of refugees who demanded that i maintain its services in full until they are repatriated. The d was taken on a tour of schools, clinics and other sections of t

AMMAN, May 28 (JT) -- The United Nations Relief an Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) Commissioner-Gen Olof Rydbeck, is due in Amman in the first week of June i meeting of directors of UNRWA offices in the Middle East according to a report by Al Ra'i newspaper today. It said i continuing UNRWA's educational services to Palestinian re Jordan and Syria will be the main topic of discussion. Mr. i has issued an appeal to nations of the world to make a contributions to UNRWA quickly enable it to continue its se Palestinian refugees. He said UNRWA will be forced to de preparatory and elementary schools in Jordan and Syria as o 1980 unless additional funds are made available in the r months.

AMMAN, May 28 (JT) -- The educational committee National Consultative Council today started debating a draft the establishment of a higher educational council in Jord President of Yarmouk University was among those attending session of debate on the draft law, which was referred to i mittee by the government on Monday.

AMMAN, May 28 (JNA) -- Amman Municipality today too against a number of stores for violating Ministry of Sup plations or for unsanitary conditions. A municipality spokan a total of four bakeries and two restaurants were closed, and stores fined, for selling food unfit for human consumption. I confiscated from these stores has been destroyed.

AMMAN, May 28 (JNA) -- A visiting Greek educational de today visited the University of Jordan and toured its various The delegation was briefed by university officials on the univ programme and activities.

DAMASCUS, May 28 (JNA) -- The establishment of Syr Jordanian commercial centres in Amman and Damascus v cussed at a meeting here today between Jordan's Ambass Syria. Mr. Hussein Hamami, and the Syrian Deputy Prei Economic Affairs, Mr. Abdul Qader Qaddoura. They also into ways of further promoting trade relations between Jord Syria.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: The public exchange of recriminations between Israeli Premier Menachem Begin and his outgoing defence minister, Mr. Ezer Weizman, draws to the attention of the world the facts which Israel has always tried to conceal -- most tellingly, the undemocratic character of that state, which over the years has always pretended to be democracy's bastion.

The charade of Israeli "democracy" has now been penetrated, this time not only by Israel's aggressive policies -- which it has never ceased pursuing against Arab citizens in the occupied land. Now the resigning Israeli defence minister has said that many of his colleagues in the cabinet are whispering about the same things that he has spoken about publicly, but they don't have the courage to say them aloud. If even cabinet ministers are in such a predicament, then what room is there for democracy?

Another lie which now not only the Arabs have pointed out is that of the Begin government's supposed search for peace. Mr. Weizman exposed this lie when he condemned that government and its position on peace.

AL DUSTOUR: President Sadat has continued negotiations with Israel even as it presses ahead with the Judaisation of Jerusalem and its settlement programme in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Israel continues to force out Palestinians, to oppress and attack them in both the occupied territories and Lebanon, and to evict them from their towns and villages under the eyes of the optimistic Mr. Sadat, who keeps begging for a settlement from Mr. Begin.

The deadline of May 26 has passed without the local autonomy negotiations achieving anything, for the simple reason that they were rejected at Palestinian, Arab and international levels, and because they are based on the bankrupt Camp David accords.

But Mr. Sadat still hopes that some kind of solution might be submitted by Mr. Begin and the U.S., to save him from his inevitable fate. He hangs on to this hope even though he knows full well that Mr. Begin himself is under fire from his closest aides, and has no defence against the anger of the Israeli public -- which has begun to realise that he is dragging the country down to disaster. Mr. Sadat also realises that President Carter cannot promise him anything either, especially since he cannot even guarantee that he will be in the White House much longer.

UNRWA run nets funds for needy refugee children

by a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

Amman, May 28 — Today Mr. Elias Habash made JD 876 in less than 45 minutes. He ran two laps of the 1000 metres in the annual United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) Open Day Run. He was the most enterprising. He was 438 people to sponsor. He was 438 people to sponsor. He was 438 people to sponsor.

The older the entrant, the higher the going rate for sponsorship. Those over 55 commanded one dinar from each of their sponsors per kilometre; the 45 to 54 age group made 750 fils, and those between 35 and 44 years half a dinar. Runners aged 25 to 34 received 400 fils per kilometre and all younger runners 300 fils.

Four women were included among the fifty UNRWA employees who lined up for the run this afternoon while hundreds of their colleagues and family members gathered to watch. Minister of Labour and Reconstruction and Development, Mr. Omar Nabulsi, shot off a pistol and the runners were off.

Attendants put a ribbon around the neck of each entrant after he had run five laps of the 200 metre track. A different colour was assigned to each kilometre. One runner who kept all his ribbons on throughout the event, Mr. Deeb Abu Salam Zeidan, looked something like a finsel-decorated Christmas tree by the time he finished his 19th kilometre.

Almost heroically, this sanitation foreman from the Irbid UNRWA Health Centre who was in the 45 to 54 year age group, did one more lap before a foot injury prevented him from finishing 20 kilometres, the ceiling put on the run by the officials.

The four runners who did better than he were all under 34 years. Two went the distance — Mr. Matar Mohammad Saqr, a teacher at the Baqa' boys preparatory school, and Mr. Abdel Majid Matar, a teacher at the Ashrafieh boys school. Both were in the 25-34 age group.

Mr. Yahya Jaber, 24, a teacher at the Baqa' preparatory school, did 19.8 kilometres as did Mr. Mohammad Abu 'Ein from the Wadi Seer Training Centre who was in the 25-34 age category.

Two women did four kilometres each: Miss Aman Fakhouri, a teacher from Amman in the 25-34 age group and Mrs. Leila Tuqan, a teacher at the Balqa-Suweileh girls preparatory school who was in the 35-44 year category.

While Mr. Nabulsi declined to run on the grounds that he was not dressed properly, the Undersecretary of Reconstruction and Development, Mr. Abdul Rahim Jarar, sportingly ran a lap with Mr. Tanner in his shirt sleeves and tie as did Mr. Ronald Gallagher, deputy director of UNRWA in Jordan.

Shed immediately Mr. John Tanner, director of UNRWA in Jordan, sets a new record for the Undersecretary of Reconstruction and Development, Mr. Abdul Rahim Jarar, joins him for a lap in suit and tie.

Shed immediately Mr. John Tanner, director of UNRWA in Jordan, sets a new record for the Undersecretary of Reconstruction and Development, Mr. Abdul Rahim Jarar, joins him for a lap in suit and tie.

Shed immediately Mr. John Tanner, director of UNRWA in Jordan, sets a new record for the Undersecretary of Reconstruction and Development, Mr. Abdul Rahim Jarar, joins him for a lap in suit and tie.

Shed immediately Mr. John Tanner, director of UNRWA in Jordan, sets a new record for the Undersecretary of Reconstruction and Development, Mr. Abdul Rahim Jarar, joins him for a lap in suit and tie.

Shed immediately Mr. John Tanner, director of UNRWA in Jordan, sets a new record for the Undersecretary of Reconstruction and Development, Mr. Abdul Rahim Jarar, joins him for a lap in suit and tie.

Shed immediately Mr. John Tanner, director of UNRWA in Jordan, sets a new record for the Undersecretary of Reconstruction and Development, Mr. Abdul Rahim Jarar, joins him for a lap in suit and tie.

Shed immediately Mr. John Tanner, director of UNRWA in Jordan, sets a new record for the Undersecretary of Reconstruction and Development, Mr. Abdul Rahim Jarar, joins him for a lap in suit and tie.

Shed immediately Mr. John Tanner, director of UNRWA in Jordan, sets a new record for the Undersecretary of Reconstruction and Development, Mr. Abdul Rahim Jarar, joins him for a lap in suit and tie.

Shed immediately Mr. John Tanner, director of UNRWA in Jordan, sets a new record for the Undersecretary of Reconstruction and Development, Mr. Abdul Rahim Jarar, joins him for a lap in suit and tie.

Shed immediately Mr. John Tanner, director of UNRWA in Jordan, sets a new record for the Undersecretary of Reconstruction and Development, Mr. Abdul Rahim Jarar, joins him for a lap in suit and tie.

Shed immediately Mr. John Tanner, director of UNRWA in Jordan, sets a new record for the Undersecretary of Reconstruction and Development, Mr. Abdul Rahim Jarar, joins him for a lap in suit and tie.

Arab League's U.S. envoy raps Camp David

WASHINGTON, May 28 (Agencies)—The Arab League's representative in the United States said yesterday that the peace agreements between Egypt and Israel were "an exercise in diplomatic futility" and should be scrapped.

The official, Mr. Clovis Maqoud, also said in a speech at a luncheon at the National Press Club that establishment of a Palestinian state on land now occupied by Israel was vital to peace in the area. But he said Palestinian autonomy, as proposed in talks between Israel, Egypt and the United States, was unacceptable because "autonomy is pre-emptive of independence and sovereignty."

"The Camp David agreements are an exercise in diplomatic futility... (they) should be abandoned," he said.

Mr. Maqoud told a questioner that one of the press club's committee members had tried to cancel the luncheon, but had been overruled by the club's board of governors.

"These are the adventures of an Arab in Washington these days," he said.

Mr. Richard J. Maloy, Washington bureau chief for Thomson Newspapers, resigned as chairman of the club's speakers committee because he was overruled on the cancellation. He said it was standard procedure to cancel luncheons when there was a small response.

He told the Associated Press he learned later that the club had agreed to allow two political statements by Arab spokesmen in return for Arab sponsorship of an "Arab night" at the club.

Club President Drew von Bergen has denied that there was any such agreement.

Visiting MPs say

European ME peace bid could start with UK parliament debate

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 28 — A full scale debate in the British parliament could be the next step in the long-awaited European initiative on the Middle East question, according to members of a British parliamentary delegation which is just ending a six-day visit to Jordan.

"We are not a government delegation but we see ourselves as opinion formers, and when we get back we shall be talking to our colleagues in Britain, and in other European parliaments, with the intention of doing something about the Middle East," Conservative MP Robert Adley, the spokesman for the group, told the Jordan Times tonight.

The British MPs, who arrived in Amman on Friday and leave tomorrow, are members of the Anglo-Jordanian Parliamentary Group, one of many such groupings set up within the House of Commons which take a special interest in fostering and strengthening relations with individual countries. In the course of their stay here, during which they were guests of the Upper House of the Jordanian parliament, the MPs held talks with His Majesty King Hussein, His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Sharaf and other officials.

Other members of the delegation are Conservative MPs Anthony Nelson and the Hon. Mark Lennox-Boyd, and Labour MPs Hudson Davies and Andrew Faulds. Mr. Nelson is the only member of the group with a particular personal tie to Jordan — he was at school with His Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

Mr. Adley said he felt the failure of the American-sponsored Camp David process "is going to bring further pressure to bear on events in the Middle East. There is

building up in Britain an increasingly strong feeling of exasperation with American policy in the Middle East." He added: "We in Europe are not prepared to run along after the American coattails indefinitely."

Mr. Adley said the consensus of his group, discussed with all the

both the European Economic Community (EEC) and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).

Asked if any European initiative didn't face the prospect of a rebuff from the United States, including a veto of any new Security Council resolution updating

servative, Mr. Adley said he felt Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government had "brought home to the British people the importance of this foreign policy issue." He also felt the present government was less susceptible to Zionist pressure than previous Labour governments, particularly that of Mr. Harold Wilson.

Reflecting on his group's visit this morning to the Schneller Palestinian refugee camp, Mr. Adley said: "Those of us who were at school in 1948 are not prepared to tolerate the status quo (in the Middle East) much longer." He said there had been a "dramatic shift" in British public opinion which would facilitate a new approach to the issue.

As members of the Anglo-Jordanian group in parliament, the two MPs said, they were aware of the key role which Jordan had to play in the resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict. "The special relationship between Britain and Jordan has recently re-emerged, with the Jordanians looking to Britain as a country which truly understands the problem," Mr. Adley said. "We recognise that the British role in the past has sometimes been unhelpful and we are anxious not to make the same mistakes again."

Speaking for the group, Mr. Adley paid tribute to His Majesty King Hussein as "probably the most experienced head of state in the world and one of the few that everybody listens to. It's just a pity that Mr. Begin (the Israeli prime minister) doesn't."

Summing up the impressions of the group, Mr. Adley said it was obvious that "what Jordan lacks in oil, it more than compensates for in the energy and resourcefulness of its people to build a stable and prosperous country."

Speaking admittedly as a Con-



From left to right: Labour MP Mr. Andrew Faulds, Conservative MP Mr. Robert Adley, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf and Sen. Ahmad Khalil, deputy speaker of the Upper House of Parliament and head of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Jordanian leaders they met, was that the European initiative should take the form of an updating of United Nations Security Council Resolution 242, embodying recognition of the Palestinian people's right to self-determination as a prerequisite.

But he and his colleague Mr. Nelson both said they felt Europe's best prospect for making its influence felt would be by prevailing on the United States. They indicated that this is what the Jordanian leaders felt could be Europe's greatest contribution to finding a way out of the Middle East impasse. The MPs felt a parliamentary debate would be the most immediate way of airing the issue publicly, combined with contacts with Britain's partners in

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| U.S. dollar | 294.00/296.00 |
| U.K. sterling | 698.00/708.00 |
| West German mark | 166.80/167.80 |
| Swiss franc | 179.90/181.00 |
| French franc | 71.50/71.90 |
| Italian lire (for every 100) | 35.40/35.60 |
| Japanese yen (for every 100) | 134.00/134.80 |
| Dutch guilder | 151.80/152.70 |
| Swedish crown | 70.70/71.70 |
| Belgium franc | 104.90/104.60 |

TODAY'S WEATHER

It will be fair, with temperatures around normal. Winds will be light and variable, becoming north-westerly moderate. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

| | Overnight | Daytime |
|---------------|-----------|---------|
| | low | high |
| Amman | 16 | 32 |
| Aqaba | 23 | 39 |
| Deserts | 18 | 34 |
| Jordan Valley | 22 | 38 |

HAWAII INN HOTEL

announces the opening of its summer restaurant, The Garden. We offer the most delicious oriental and western foods, prepared by skilled chefs. Excellent service and delightful surroundings.

Hawaii Inn Hotel, Third Circle, Jabal Amman. Tel. 42395, 42623

THE MIDDLE EAST INSURANCE COMPANY LTD.

Announces that its building in King Hussein Street, opposite the Ministry of Finance, is now ready to be let. The building at this stage consists of large commercial units suitable for banking services, airline or tourists offices. It is provided with a private parking lot, two lifts and central heating and airconditioning.

For further information, please call telephone numbers 21245 or 38145, or write to P.O. Box 1802.

The company also announces that its private parking lot inside the building is ready for short and longterm parking at reasonable prices after negotiation with the management. This parking lot service, under the supervision of excellent drivers, is provided with a rubber bumper to prevent accidents.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

| Name of Company | Par Value | Number Traded | High | Low | Closing Price |
|---|-----------|---------------|---------|---------|---------------|
| Jordan Pipes Manufacturing Co. | JD 10,000 | 80 | 15.330 | 15.330 | 15.330 |
| Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries Co. | JD 5,000 | 34 | 5.600 | 5.600 | 5.600 |
| Jordan Dairy Co. | JD 1,000 | 981 | 1.450 | 1.450 | 1.450 |
| Arab Sea Insurance Co. Ltd. | JD 5,000 | 180 | 11.500 | 11.300 | 11.500 |
| Bank of Jordan | JD 5,000 | 180 | 12.750 | 12.750 | 12.750 |
| Islamic Bank | JD 1,000 | 20525 | 1.930 | 1.870 | 1.910 |
| Jordan Gulf Bank | JD 1,000 | 4410 | 1.570 | 1.550 | 1.550 |
| Housing Bank | JD 1,000 | 300 | 2.000 | 1.990 | 1.990 |
| Arab Investment Bank | JD 1,000 | 775 | 1.570 | 1.560 | 1.560 |
| Jordan-Kuwait Bank | JD 1,000 | 2735 | 2.320 | 2.300 | 2.300 |
| Industrial Development Bank | JD 1,000 | 1800 | 1.480 | 1.460 | 1.460 |
| Jordan National Bank | JD 5,000 | 10 | 15.070 | 15.070 | 15.070 |
| Arab Bank | JD 10,000 | 120 | 100.000 | 100.000 | 100.000 |
| Dar Aldawa Development and Investment Co. | JD 1,000 | 725 | 3.960 | 3.950 | 3.950 |
| Dar Al Sha'ab | JD 1,000 | 3710 | 0.970 | 0.970 | 0.970 |
| Raffia Industrial Co. | JD 1,000 | 15 | 2.830 | 2.830 | 2.830 |
| Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co. | JD 1,000 | 2680 | 3.300 | 3.280 | 3.280 |
| Arab International Hotels Co. | JD 1,000 | 3984 | 1.000 | 0.990 | 1.000 |
| Arab Pharmaceutical Co. | JD 5,000 | 497 | 26.400 | 26.000 | 26.000 |
| Arab Company for Aluminium Industry | JD 1,000 | 3420 | 1.280 | 1.250 | 1.280 |
| Jordan Electricity Co. | JD 1,000 | 75 | 1.980 | 1.980 | 1.980 |
| International Construction and Investment | JD 1,000 | 1500 | 1.010 | 1.000 | 1.010 |
| Jordan Cement Factories Co. | JD 10,000 | 287 | 19.250 | 19.250 | 19.250 |
| Jordan Glass Factories Co. | JD 1,000 | 600 | 0.880 | 0.880 | 0.880 |
| Jordan Phosphate Mines Co. | JD 1,000 | 100 | 3.400 | 3.400 | 3.400 |
| Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co. | JD 5,000 | 2147 | 10.250 | 10.150 | 10.150 |
| National Steel Industry | JD 10,000 | 1950 | 24.000 | 23.700 | 23.800 |
| Jordan General Mining Co. | JD 1,000 | 1250 | 1.500 | 1.500 | 1.500 |
| Arabian Co. for Paper Manufacture and Trade | JD 1,000 | 4000 | 1.010 | 1.010 | 1.010 |
| Arabian Investment and International Trading Co. Ltd. | JD 2,000 | 500 | 1.350 | 1.350 | 1.350 |

Total Volume Traded on Wednesday, May 28, 1980: JD 183,059

Total number of shares traded: 59,570

Government Development Bonds

| Year of Maturity | Par Value | Number Traded | Volume Traded | High | Low |
|------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| 1982 | JD 5,000 | 120 | 603 | 5.030 | 5.030 |
| 1989 | JD 10,000 | 289 | 2890 | 10.000 | 10.000 |

Announcement from the Public Transport Corporation TENDER FOR BUSES

The Public Transport Corporation announces the extension of the date of the tender which was declared on 5-6/5/1980 for buses, until 12 p.m. Monday, 23.6.1980.

Ibrahim Mahadeen
Director General

ATTENTION: HOTEL MANAGEMENT FIRMS

The Jordan Hotel and Resthouse Corporation

has signed a contract with a consortium of national and international consultants to design and lay out the terms of reference and specifications for a large four-star European standard hotel in Aqaba.

The Corporation is interested in choosing a well-known and specialised company for hotel management.

The hotel management company is expected to cooperate with the consultant in designing the hotel and laying out the terms of reference and specifications, and to manage the hotel after completion.

All capable hotel management companies interested in this project are kindly requested to send their offer to the following address before June 30, 1980.

Director General
Hotel and Resthouse Corporation
P.O. Box 2863
Amman, Jordan.

TIME The World News Magazine

Read in this week's issue:
BIG BLOWUP: COVER STORY ON THE ERUPTION OF WASHINGTON STATE'S MOUNT ST. HELENS.
LOVE RANGER: GISCARD'S TACTICS SOW DISSENSEN IN THE NATO ALLIANCE.
SOUTH KOREA: UNREST RAISES WESTERN ALARMS ABOUT AN INVALUABLE ALLY.
MUSLIM MINISTERS: THE ISLAMABAD CONFERENCE BLASTS THE U.S. AND SOFTLY ASKS THE SOVIETS TO LEAVE AFGHANISTAN.

INVITATION TO TENDER

You are invited to tender for the supply, installation and commissioning of sewing machinery for the jeans factory of Jordan Ready to Wear Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

Those interested may purchase the tender documents from:
Jordan Ready to Wear Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
c/o Pension Fund Offices, Housing Bank Building,
P.O. Box 3294, Amman, Jordan.
Tel: 64163/4/5
Telex: 21718.FUND JO.

A set of the tender documents will require an unrefundable sum of JD 50.

Completed tenders should be submitted to the above-mentioned address not later than 12 a.m. Jordan standard time on June 29, 1980.

Jordan Ready to Wear Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

U.S. softens stand on consumer credit

WASHINGTON, May 28 (AP)—U.S. Treasury Secretary G. William Miller denied today that the government was being inconsistent in its advice to consumers on the use of credit.

The administration of President Jimmy Carter imposed credit controls March 14 to discourage both consumers and businesses from borrowing. Within recent days, however, some administration officials have been urging consumers to go out and borrow and spend at will.

The March programme, Mr. Miller said, showed the government's "tightening up on targeted areas of excess use of credit." He said excessive consumer borrowing and speculation in the commodity markets earlier this year was creating a "bubble" that the government feared would burst with catastrophic effects for

the nation's economy.

"What we always wanted was to nip that in the bud and continue the normal spending of consumers," Mr. Miller said in a news interview. Now, he said, "Everyone can return to normal buying."

Consumer and business borrowing dropped sharply after the credit controls were imposed by the Federal Reserve Board. The central bank last week began relaxing the restrictions, apparently in an effort to soften effects of the recession. Mr. Miller admitted that the rapid drop in consumer spending and borrowing had created some problems for the economy. "I think it has contributed to a sharper contraction than we had expected," he said, adding that the nation "may be getting all of this contraction over more quickly."

Meanwhile, several major American banks have cut their prime lending rates to 14 per cent amid further evidence that their corporate customers have cut back on borrowing.

Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. initiated the move yesterday to 14 per cent undercutting the 14½ per cent rate set late Friday by most big banks. The major banks that followed Morgan Guaranty's lead were Chase Manhattan Bank, New York Bankers Trust Co. and First National Bank of Chicago.

Chemical Bank today followed suit, cutting its rate one full percentage point from the 15 per cent mark it posted last Thursday. The last time the prime was as low as 14 per cent was last October 8, two days after the Federal Reserve Board imposed the first of a series of credit-tightening programmes aimed at curbing inflation.

Merchant shipbuilding thrives

LONDON, May 28 (AP)—World merchant shipbuilding activity improved during the first three months of the year with firm orders rising to the highest level since early 1978 and ships under construction rose more than half a million gross tons from the 1979 last quarter. Lloyd's register of shipping said today.

The data is for ships of 100 tons or more, excluding wood and non-propelled craft and non-available figures for the Soviet Union, East Germany and China, Lloyd's said.

Total orders rose in the quarter to 30,894,108 tons, from 28,301,858 tons in the 1979 last quarter and 25,083,618 tons in the first quarter of last year. The previous high in the 1978 first quarter was 33,440,030 tons, but the latest total exceeds only moderately the 1978 second quarter

which was 30,469,051 tons, Lloyd's records showed.

Vessels under construction in the first quarter this year were up 526,833 tons from the previous quarter. Ships on order in the first three months of this year but not commenced totalled 17,680,968 tons, up by 2,065,417 tons from the last quarter of last year, Lloyd's said.

Of the total order book, bulk carriers account for the most tonnage at 10,424,641 tons, up by 1,631,313 tons from the 1979 final quarter, followed by oil tankers at 10,053,061 tons, up by 1,302,646 tons. General cargo ships total 5,292,747 tons of the main kinds of vessels but are down by 495,733 tons, while fishing vessels on the order book make 358,110 tons, down by 7,597, Lloyd's said.

Major shipbuilding nations that increased their order books in the first quarter included Japan, Spain and South Korea. Reduced orders were recorded by Brazil, Poland, the United States, France, Sweden and Britain.

Japan had the biggest order book at 11,250,060 tons, up by 1,919,119 tons from the 1979 final quarter. It was followed by Brazil at 2,368,819 tons down 159,813, Spain 1,872,034 up 342,284, Poland 1,684,865, down 65,634, the U.S. 1,577,709, down 24,662, and South Korea 1,469,932, up 225,671.

These were followed by France 975,456, down 41,000, Yugoslavia 912,694, up 149,633, West Germany 898,949, up 85,656, Sweden 863,070, down 20,751, and Britain 705,652, down 56,308, Lloyd's said.

LONDON EXCHANGE

LONDON, May 28 (R)—Following are the buying rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion:

| | | |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------|
| One sterling | 2.3585/3600 | U.S. dollar |
| One U.S. dollar | 1.1620/23 | Canadian |
| | 1.7720/30 | West Ger |
| | 1.9485/9500 | Dutch gr |
| | 1.6300/15 | Swiss fr |
| | 28.38/41 | Belgian fr |
| | 4.1240/70 | French fr |
| | 832.00/50 | Italian li |
| | 223.40/60 | Japanese |
| | 4.1780/1800 | Swedish c |
| | 4.8520/35 | Norwegian |
| | 5.5265/80 | Danish cr |
| One ounce of gold | 524.00/525.50 | U.S. doll |

LONDON STOCK MAR

LONDON, May 28 (R)—Gold shares moved as much higher with the bullion price but equities and government drifted lower in quiet trading. At 1500 the FT index three points at 417.0.

The gloom hanging over the equity market was deepened by the warning of a downturn in the manufacturing industry, while profit taking of sterling reversed the recent firm trend in bonds. U.S. shares eased while Canadians continued higher.

Among companies which announced figures today International Thomson Organisation lost 2p and 3p, while Tate and Lyle closed unchanged at 128 after 1 Assurance gained 2p, also after results, but other issues mixed.

Lloyds and Scottish, which announced a share issue, the takeover of James Talcott, fell 3p. Elsewhere, falls were seen in GEC, Metal Box, BP and Ultramar.

OPEC approves expanding aid fund

VIENNA, May 28 (AP)—Finance ministers of 13 OPEC oil countries yesterday approved "in principle" a \$1.6 billion replenishment of its fund to aid developing countries. Secretary General Rene Ortiz said individual allocations to pay for the replenishment would be determined later.

The increase, approved in a meeting which ran late into last night, will bring the fund's total to \$4 billion. The money is used for balance of payments aid and other loans to developing countries by OPEC, the Organisation of the

Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Sources said debate at the Vienna meeting had run beyond schedule partly because of Iranian arguments that its contribution should be smaller than that of other members because of domestic problems. Mr. Ortiz said in a meeting with reporters after the session that all contributions to the replenishment were voluntary and Iran's contribution "is much lower than in the past."

Mr. Ortiz disclosed no further details of the meeting which lasted 12½ hours in Vienna's Hofburg palace, with a break for lunch.

"The countries which had reservations pointed them out but had finally agreed," he said.

The Vienna meeting is the first since the OPEC fund was reconstructed to become an OPEC development agency, in response to pleas for help from developing countries struggling to meet higher energy costs. Mr. Ortiz said it was decided yesterday that the fund's headquarters would be established in Vienna. He said the next meeting of the OPEC's finance ministers would be on September 22 in Quito, Ecuador.

U.S. firms stop buying Qatar's oil

BAHRAIN, May 28 (R)—Two U.S. oil firms have decided to stop buying crude from the small Gulf producer of Qatar rather than pay a price of nearly \$38 a barrel, the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said today.

Oil industry sources in London said that, if the action by Gulf Oil and Charter Oil is confirmed, it will be the third publicised instance of Western buyers resisting soaring Middle East prices this year.

British Petroleum, Royal Dutch/Shell and 12 Japanese importers have been refusing to lift Iranian oil at a new \$35 a barrel price since April. Six Japanese

firms have, however, agreed to pay Qatar's new rate, at its official price plus a \$6.50 premium, and recently signed contracts for 125,000 barrels a day.

MEES said that Gulf Oil and Charter Oil decided instead to let their contracts lapse at the end of April rather than renew them at the premium rate. Gulf was buying 25,000 barrels a day and Charter 30,000. Gulf earlier this year declined to join BP and Shell in paying a premium to the Kuwaitis.

Meanwhile, seven natural gas-producing members of OPEC today began a meeting in Abu Dhabi on gas production and

export, the official Emirates News Agency said.

Mr. Mahmoud Krouha, general manager of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company, said the meeting was important because of the increasing value of natural gas to industrialised nations and risk-taking investment in gas gathering and transport, the agency reported. After opening speeches the talks went into closed session.

Kuwait, Qatar, Algeria, the Libyan Jamahiriya, Nigeria and Indonesia are taking part in addition to the United Arab Emirates. All are members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

AMMAN MARKET PLACE

RESTAURANTS

UNCLE JOHA RESTAURANT
Wadi Esseer St. below AD-DAR
For fine European and Oriental cuisine, enjoy the lovely atmosphere at Uncle Joha Restaurant on Wadi Esseer St.

FLAKOOZ RESTAURANT
For fine Italian food with a warm ambience, call 42829 for reservations. Prince Mah'd St. across from City Bank.

AL WAHA RESTAURANT
Traditional Arabic dishes in the perfect atmosphere.
SPORTS CITY INTERSECTION

Mandalay Restaurant
THE ULTIMATE IN SOPHISTICATION
Next to the Orthodox Club.
For reservations call 43504

DON'T MISS
The Holiday Inn
At the Holiday Inn

FEEL AT HOME AT BEEFY!!
Stop in for or take-away your favourite hamburgers, pizzas, chicken tikka, ice cream, milk shakes & more at Beefy. Between Firas & Dakhaleh circles.

RESTAURANT TAIWAN TOURISMO
Opposite Akilah Maternity Hospital 3rd Circle, J. Amman Tel. 41093
Try our special "Flaming Pot" fondue during your next visit. Take-away orders welcome. Welcome and thank you.

To advertise in this section
phone 6777-2-3

al barab pub
THE PLACE YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR
PUB LUNCH JD 1.500
JORDAN INTERNATIONAL

MANDARIN CHINESE RESTAURANT
AMMAN
Wadi Saqra Road East of the new Traffic bridge
Tel: 61922

MISCELLANEOUS

CROWN INTERNATIONAL EST.
International Moving and Shipping
Specialists in local and international removals.
*Shipping and forwarding (air, land, sea)
*Storage *Packing *Crating *Clearing *Door-to-door service
AGENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD
Jabal Hussein - Firas Circle, Tel. 64090,
P.O. Box 926487 Amman, Jordan

SONY.
For Betamax, televisions, stereos and other SONY products:
Agent and distributor
ZAKI A. GHUL Tel. 21770

EYES EXAMINED CONTACT LENSES "Hard & Soft"
OPTIKOS SHAMI O.D.
The best ever made in optics
Jordan Intercontinental Hotel
Tel. 42043

Visit Caravan Bazaar
At Al-Hussein Youth City Specialised in:
Olive Wood, Mother of Pearl, Silver, Gold Jewellery & all kind of Handicraft Products wholesale & Retail
Tel. 67181, 42528 P.O. Box 2768, Amman - Jordan.

TRANSPORTATION

FOR: SHIPPING-TRAVEL & TOURISM INSURANCE-CLEARANCE AIR FREIGHT-PACKING
PLEASE CONTACT:
AMIN KAWAR & SONS
Travel & Tourism
Tel. 37195, 22324-5-6-7-8-9
Tlx. 21212, 21520, 21634
P.O. Box 7806, Amman

NATIONAL RENT-A-CAR
1980 Models now available
SHEPHERD HOTEL
Tel. 39197

JORDAN EXPRESS CO.
PACKING & CRATING
AIR & SEA FREIGHT
TRAVEL & TOURISM
TEL. 62722, 38141, 22585
TLX. 21635 P.O. BOX 2143

SWEET
JUST ARRIVED!!!
SPRING COLLECTION:
Casual Sportswear:
Jeans, Cords, Shirts, Suits, Skirts, Boots and more...
Jabal Amman - Pr. Mhd. St.
Jabal Luweibdeh - Near Municipality Park

SATELLITE RENT-A-CAR
BRAND NEW MODELS
TEL. 25767

RENT A CAR
NEW MODELS
LONG OR SHORT TERM
CALL 64137, 8 TODAY
Shmeisani, Next to Omar Khayyam Hotel.

SUPERMARKETS

PROFESSIONAL HAIR CARE
at Mounir's Beauty Salon
Al Shari'a Street
Jabal Luweibdeh

ABDOUN SUPERMARKET
FRESH DAILY!!
meat, fruits & vegetables
Plus big assortment of foodstuffs and beverages
5th Circle, Orthodox Club
Tel. 44880

AQABA

RUM RESTAURANT
AQABA'S NO. 1 FISH & PIZZA RESTAURANT. GRILLED & FRIED FISH SPECIALITIES. ENJOY A/C COMFORT INSIDE OR CAFE SEATING OUTDOORS. TAKE-AWAY SERVICE ALSO. LOCATED ON BEACH RD. STW. MIRAMAR & HOLIDAY INN HOTELS. TEL. 5550.

MANDARIN CHINESE RESTAURANT
AQABA
Amman Road beside Samir Amis Restaurant (newly opened)

Samir Amis Restaurant & Bar
Located in central Aqaba, we offer you superb Oriental, European & Seafood dishes. Fresh seafood daily. Catering & take-away service available. Tel. 04-5505

Miramar Hotel
Air conditioned comfort, fresh water pool, disco and much more make Miramar the place to stay in Aqaba. Come in time for our Saturday buffet. Tel. 4341 P.O. Box 80

AQABA'S FIVE STAR Remal
RESTAURANT & DISCOTHEQUE
Exclusive international cuisine in charming surroundings. Boasting specialties such as oysters, frogs legs and other delicacies direct from France, all at reasonable prices. Tel. 4646, 4747.

CHINA RESTAURANT
The first and best Chinese restaurant in Aqaba. Take-Away service. Open 11:30 - 3:30; 6:30 - 11:30 daily.

Holiday Inn
COME TO THE SUN!
Relax in comfort and ease at the Aqaba Holiday Inn where children under 12 stay free when sharing the same room with their parents. TEL. (04) 242611 x. 92263

To advertise in this section
phone 6777-2-3

